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Annapolis Environmental Commission

December 3, 2014

(REVISED)

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on December 3, 2014 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Chair** Riegel called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Present: **Chair** Riegel, **Vice Chair** Kissel, Weber, Pogell, Murphy, Buchheister, Kiraly, Butler

Absent: O'Leary

Staff Present: Broadbent, Biba, Waters

Guest: M. Leahy-City Attorney

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

Mr. Leahy noted his attendance is to introduce himself to the AEC and to let them know that he has an open door policy in place. There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the public information act request.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Kissel moved approval of the November 5, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

B. Water Quality: Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Ms. Buchheister expressed concern that the entire State of Maryland along with all the watershed states are under a federally imposed TMDL requirement to meet specific pollution reduction targets. Each state approaches the mandate differently but Maryland broke it out by counties who all drafted watershed implementation plans. The counties in turn are supposed to obtain plan support from the jurisdictions but these plans are not mandatory. She explained that the State combines all the plans to submit to the EPA as one. Based on the submittal, Maryland has 10 million pounds of nitrogen and 58,000 pounds of phosphorus to reduce. She was not certain of the numbers for Anne Arundel County and whether the City was included in those numbers. There was a brief discussion regarding the reduction goals and how close the City is to meeting these goals. **Chair** Riegel asked Ms. Buchheister to consider drafting some specific recommendations to the City for the AEC to review.

C. Energy: Energy Park

Chair Riegel discussed the status of the energy park that began in 2009 and was aborted before the contract was awarded but has since been reintroduced. He asked about the status of the procurement cycle. **Mr. Weber believes that the project would be put out to bid and the City would receive revenue from it.** Ms. Broadbent added that there is an initial funding request for consultation from the City. Mr. Leahy added that \$5,000 was approved and request up to \$50,000 that Council will consider

once the solicitation documents are received. These documents will be distributed to those interested. Depending on the response, Council will determine if there is a need for funding and if a contract is award, there will be reimbursement.

Mr. Murphy asked about the status of proposal for the energy park. Mr. Leahy explained that the City is accepting proposals and the proposals are expected to be wrapped up by late Spring. He anticipates the request for proposals to go out in late February early March.

D. Development

Mr. Biba distributed written status report and briefly discussed the changes to the report since the November 5, 2014 meeting.

1. **Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

2. **Crystal Spring Update**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. There were no changes since the last meeting.

3. **Thomas Woods**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. There were no changes since the last meeting but additional information is expected.

4. **Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. There were no changes since the last meeting however a variance has been requested under the forest conservation act for those trees that exceed 30" in diameter which is under consideration. Ms. Butler recommended that the DNEP notify the public about the status of the variance request.

5. **Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

6. **The Enclave at Spa Road**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

7. **Hayes Annexation Property**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. There were no changes since the last meeting.

8. **Rocky Gorge**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. There were no changes since the last meeting except the project is in a holding pattern with a request to allow access from Aris T. Allen. Ms. Butler asked if Alderwoman Finlayson had amended her resolution to include the Yawl Road closure. Mr. Biba was not aware that those changes were made. Mr. Leahy added that the issue is whether a State access permit is required so are waiting for an official response.

9. **Griscom Square**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

10. **Annapolis Neck Annexation (Samaras Property)**

Ms. Butler asked how the **process for the forest stand delineation works and would the review trigger the forest delineation review timeline**. Mr. Leahy explained that the City would like to have as much information as possible prior to annexation to determine whether to annex or not.

E. Outreach/Recycling

Mr. Weber asked that the AEC members who have a Facebook page to spread the word that the AEC has a Facebook page.

IV. DNEP Report

Ms. Broadbent asked those members who are interested in receiving a T-shirt to let her know because there is a box of them in DNEP closet. She is still waiting on DPW for a good time for a tour of the water treatment plant construction project.

V. New Business

A. Election of Officers - 2015

The Commission decided **to rotate** the **Chair** position and Mr. Kissel agreed to continue as **Vice Chair**. Mr. Murphy agreed to take the first quarter and Ms. Buchheister will take the second quarter.

B. Schedule of Holiday Event

Chair Riegel said that in previous years, the AEC has met offsite for holiday event. The dates will be doodled but the location will be at the Riegel residence again.

C. Miscellaneous

Ms. Buchheister was in a meeting with Kate Fritz, Executive Director of South Federation who believes that the AEC should tour their stream restoration project. She suggested inviting a young lady who wrote a report on diversity of people and environment activities in Annapolis and agreed to send a copy of the report. **Mr. Weber asked that Ms. Buchheister share with the AEC any upcoming legislation that might be of relevance to the AEC.** Ms. Broadbent asked that staff be included as well.

The AEC thanked Ms. Pogell for her service as it was noted that Mayor will be appointing a successor. Ms. Pogell suggested that the new member be provided the standard packet for Boards and Commission. She also noted that Rus Stevenson will be speaking at the AACC on January 15, 2015 on how to prepare for an upcoming annexation or development proposal.

Ms. Buchheister noted that the Bay Agreement has 10 goals and 29 outcomes and has to make management strategies on these outcomes so are requesting public participation. She agreed to provide a copy of the Bay Agreement to members.

V. Adjournment

The next AEC meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2015 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street. With there being no further business, Mr. Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder